



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Miao and Kay  
APPLICATION No.: 09/884,901  
FILED: June 18, 2001  
FOR:

EXAMINER: Burkhart  
ART UNIT: 1633  
CONF. No: 1704

**LIVER-SPECIFIC GENE EXPRESSION  
CASSETTES, AND METHODS OF USE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Amendment and Response under 37 CFR §1.116**

Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated May 30, 2006, in the above-identified application. This response is being filed concurrently with a Rule 132 Declaration, a total of seven non-patent literature references to support the Declaration, a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, a Request for Continued Examination, and a Petition for Extension of Time requesting an extension of the period for reply to and including November 30, 2006.

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